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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, kindly enter the following amendment:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In a separate paragraph after the title please insert:

-- This application is a divisional of prior Application No. 09/423,410, filed November 4,
now U.S. Pat. No. 6,620,594,
1999, which is a 371 of PCT/EP98/02645, filed May 5, 1998.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 3-6 and 12-18.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Once amended) An isolated DNA fragment comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3.

7. (Once amended) A recombinant DNA fragment comprising a DNA sequence according to claim 1.

8. (Once amended) A cloning vector comprising a DNA sequence according to claim 1.

9. (Once amended) The cloning vector of claim 8, wherein the cloning vector is a plasmid or phage.

10. (Once amended) The cloning vector of Claim 9, wherein the vector is a pBluescript SK⁻ vector.